

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SMITH TRANSFERS TIMBER.

Minneapolis Man Turns in \$1,000,000 Holdings to Corporation.

Albany—The vast Linn county timber holdings of C. A. Smith, of Minneapolis, have all been transferred to the Linn & Lane Timber company, organized in Hennepin county, Minnesota. The transfers embrace approximately 50,000 acres. The consideration named in one deed is \$80,000 and only a nominal consideration is mentioned in the others, but the value of the land transferred is about \$1,000,000.

The land embraces all of the old holdings of Frederick A. Kribs, of Portland, and some additional land later acquired, by the Smith interests with scrip. Several hundred acres were held jointly by Smith, Charles J. Swanson and Nils O. Warner. Other parties had interests with Smith.

The Smith holdings were all choice timber land, and some sections are unexcelled in the world. A large portion of this land runs from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 feet of timber to the quarter section.

Naw Bridge Will Help.

Ontario—The Ontario bridge commission has advertised for bids for the construction of a combination steel and wooden bridge across Snake river about one mile east of Ontario. The bridge is to be 800 feet long, 20 feet wide, with three spans each 150 feet in length. It will cost about \$20,000. The Malheur county court subscribed \$10,000 for its construction and the balance will be raised by the city of Ontario. The bids for furnishing the material and construction will be opened October 5. This bridge will be a great benefit to this section, as it will more closely unite the two states of Oregon and Idaho, opening up a direct road through central Oregon to Boise, Idaho.

Road Wants Astoria Franchise.

Astoria—At the last meeting of the city council a franchise was asked for by the Oregon Coast railway for running electric lines through a number of streets in the city limits. The communication was referred to a committee for examination and for a report at a later meeting. The company desires the franchise to eventually be tendered to the Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Railroad company if the Oregon Coast railway "makes good." There is no suspicion of the Oregon Coast company, but for the protection of all local interests this form of procedure will be adopted.

Have Bumper Apple Crop.

La Grande—On the eve of the apple harvest in this valley, indications are that the largest crop in the history of the fruit industry in the Grand Ronde valley will be gathered. The foreign shipments will total 300 cars according to fruitmen, and aside from this will be 50 cars for the home consumption. Local shippers are preparing to dispose of the fruit as rapidly as it ripens and is picked. Markets are unusually at present, but it has been stated by buyers that with the beginning of the new year the markets will open strong. While apples are being picked at this time, it is principally the summer varieties.

Eliot is Rhodes Man.

Portland—Samuel C. Eliot, who was elected by the board of regents of the University of Oregon instructor of psychology and public speaking, is the second son of Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Eliot, of this city. He is a graduate of Portland academy, and later of Washington university, in St. Louis, the alma mater of his brothers, and the college in which Dr. Eliot is on the board of regents. He was sent from there to Oxford as a Cecil Rhodes scholar, and completed his course and received his A. B. degree in June.

Fire Destroys Sawmill.

Rainier—Years of hard work by C. C. Wilson, principal proprietor of the C. C. Wilson Lumber company, were lost last week when the sawmill of this company, 250,000 feet of lumber, five cars of lumber in the dry kiln, \$5,000 worth of machinery put in this summer and other equipment were destroyed. Mr. Wilson's loss is \$47,000. His insurance is \$13,000, which will meet his outstanding debts, leaving him where he was when he began to build up the big plant years ago.

Coquille Jetty Complete.

Portland—Assistant United States Engineer Polhemus announces that the jetty project at Coquille has been completed and that there is now 12 feet of water on the bar to the bay where a few years ago the depth was only four feet. The improvement is considered remarkable. The work done this year at Coquille consisted of extending the north jetty about 200 feet to a point in line with that of the south jetty, thus narrowing the entrance.

O. R. & N. Answers Complaints.

Salem—The O. R. & N. has filed answers to the two complaints brought by the railroad commission alleging unfair and excessive rates on grain from eastern Oregon points to Portland. The railroad company denies all the allegations of the complaint, but acknowledges that the tariffs exist as they were stated in the complaint. The company denies that the rates are excessive.

Rain Help to Apple Crop.

Medford—A heavy rain fell throughout the county last week. Coming at this time, its effect on the apple crop will be good, as well as laying the dust, which had become very deep, as no rain had fallen since July.

EARLY APPLES MOVE.

Hood River Union Disposes of 14 Cars For England.

Hood River—The first sale of Hood River apples controlled by the Hood River Apple Growers' union to take place this year was consummated a few days ago when Crossley & Sons, a large apple-buying firm of New York and Boston, secured the early fall varieties. The consignment consists of 14 cars, and will be sent to England. The fruit will be shipped so as to make close connection with trans-Atlantic steamers, and is expected to arrive at Liverpool in three weeks from the time it is shipped from Hood River. The early apples are of fine quality this year, and were picked earlier than has heretofore been the rule. It is said that they mature and ship better by being handled in this way and command a better price.

The varieties sold are Kings, Wealthies and Gravensteins, and they will arrive on the English markets when apples are scarce, as the old crop has become exhausted, and the early Canadian apples which supply the English trade until the late winter varieties arrive do not reach there until some time later. The fruit will be packed and graded with extra care for the long distance shipment, and is expected to arrive in fine condition.

As yet no winter varieties have been sold here, although buyers are commencing to feel out the situation and are trying to get a line on what growers expect for their fruit. They are watching for any sales that may be made at Hood River and a good deal of correspondence is being received asking for information that will keep them in touch with the situation. While no price will be given out by the union on the fruit just sold, the sale is stated to have been very satisfactory.

New Faculty for College of Music.

Albany—The Albany Conservatory of Music will open this week with the largest faculty and best equipment in its history. The new faculty as completed this week is announced as follows: H. M. Crooks, president; Emelie C. Hansen, director, teacher of piano and organ; Lena Viola Tawney, preparatory and kindergarten; Carroll H. Palmer, voice; Margaret Fallarius, of Portland, violin; May Louise Blackwell, elocution and physical culture.

Trains Running by September 21.

La Grande—General Superintendent Buckley, of the Harriman lines in Oregon and Washington, made a trip over the Wallowa extension and upon his return said that a regular train service will be established between La Grande and Joseph September 21. The train, according to Mr. Buckley, will probably be a mixed one, carrying passengers, express, mail and freight. The road will be rushed into the town of Wallowa this fall.

Revised Livestock Rate.

Salem—H. M. Adams, general freight and passenger agent of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad, has informed the Railroad commission at Salem that a revised schedule on livestock will be put in force on that road September 22. The new rate from Portland to Warrenton will be \$37.12 for a 36-foot car, where before it was \$44 for a 34-foot car. There was a complaint against the old rate.

O'Brien Going to Interior.

Albany—J. P. O'Brien and his party of railroad men now inspecting Southern Pacific lines in Oregon are planning a trip across the Cascade mountains on the old survey of the Corvallis & Eastern, according to advices received in this city. They will proceed by train to Detroit, eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern, where pack animals will be in waiting to convey the party over the survey.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 88c per bushel; forty fold, 90c; turkey red, 90c; five, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 88c.
Barley—Feed, \$25 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28; brewing, \$26.50.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$28.50@29 per ton; gray, \$27.50@28.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, 9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.
Fruit—Apples, new 50c@81.25 per box; peaches, 25@60c per box; pears, 20@60c per box; plums, 50c@81 per box; grapes, 75c@1.50 per crate; figs, \$1 per box.

Potatoes—80c@81 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.
Melons—Cantaloupes, 75c@81 per crate; watermelons, \$6@1c per pound; casabas, \$2 per dozen.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; artichokes, 65c per doz.; beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 dozen; celery, 75c@81 per dozen; corn, 12c per dozen; cucumbers, 30@40c per box; egg plant, \$1.25 per crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 12@14c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 40c per dozen; tomatoes, 25@50c.
Butter—Extras, 21c per lb.; fancy, 27c; choice, 25c; store, 18c.
Eggs—Oregon extras, 25@29c; firsts, 25@26c; seconds, 23@25c; thirds, 15@20c; Eastern, 25@27c per dozen.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11@11c per lb.; fancy hens, 12@12c; roosters, 10c; spring, 14c; ducks, old, 12@12c; spring, 14@15c; geese, old, 8c; young, 10c; turkeys, old, 17@18c; young, 20c.
Veal—Extra, 8@8c per pound; ordinary, 7@7c; heavy, 5c.
Pork—Fancy, 8c per lb.; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.

DRAINS OUT CRATER.

Wonder Performed by Earthquake in Hawaiian Islands.

Honolulu, Sept. 5, via San Francisco, Sept. 16.—A slight earthquake was felt on the island of Hawaii Friday night, September 4, and at midnight the molten lava in the pit of the volcano of Kilauea suddenly ceased rising and immediately began to run out below, the surface looking like the water in a bathtub from which the plug had been pulled.

The molten lava ran rapidly away, lowering the level instantly and continuously until by Saturday morning, or in something like seven or eight hours, the 900 feet depth of lava in the pit had all run out, and, except for the cooling sides of the pit, there was no fire seen or heat felt. As the lava lowered in the pit the walls scaled off in great masses, dropping into the molten lava below them. The few who were fortunate enough to see this wonderful phenomenon describe it as most awe-inspiring.

The lava in the pit, then about 900 or 1000 feet deep, began to rise nearly three years ago, and had been rising gradually since, until it was within about 100 feet of the top of the pit. It is supposed that the earthquake opened some fissure below by which the lava flowed out, perhaps under the sea.

On Saturday night another slight earthquake was felt, and at midnight Saturday it was observed that activity in the pit had begun again, molten lava being thrown up in fountains more than 100 feet high, and at latest accounts the lava had again risen 400 feet in the pit.

DIE IN FOREST FIRES.

Flames Overcome White Man and Six Indians in Minnesota.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 16.—Grand Marais is girdled by roaring mountains of fire and smoke, and it is believed that a man named Monker and six Indians, cut off from town by fire in their efforts to save homesteaders at Nestor, have perished in the flames. This is the news brought in at noon today by Adjutant-General Wood and officers of the Minnesota naval militia, who arrived on the Gopher from the north shore. They say the danger is not yet over by any means. Lutzen, a small settlement near Grand Marais, is in the greatest danger, say the naval militiamen. It is surrounded by fire, and everything there seems doomed to destruction, although it is not thought that any loss of life will occur.

At Colville, six miles from Grand Marais, everything went, says General Wood.

"The situation looks very bad at Chicago Bay," said Commander Eaton, "and some people wanted us to declare martial law there, but we did not deem it necessary. However, we left ten men from the ship there. Forty men from the boat were left to fight the fire at Lutzen, and 20 more were left at Grand Marais."

The officers of the Gopher declare that the gravity of the situation on the north shore has not been exaggerated in the least.

SUBMITS TO TERMS.

Mulai Hafid Agrees to Be Bound by Algeciras Act.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The Franco-Spanish note on the subject of the recognition of Mulai Hafid as sultan of Morocco was yesterday transmitted to the powers signatory to the Algeciras convention.

Mulai Hafid's letter to the diplomatic corps at Tangier reached Paris yesterday. He announces, in his proclamation as sultan, which, he says, obliges him to execute the engagements of the Algeciras act.

Mulai Hafid agrees to recognize the treaties concluded by his predecessors, notably that of the Algeciras act, which he considers the basis of the prosperity and progress of the empire from both the political and economic standpoints, since it guarantees independence for the country and provides useful reforms. Mulai Hafid concludes with expressions of hope that the powers on an equal footing will aid him in the elaboration and execution of the proposed reforms.

Fire in Tunnel Kills Two.

Detroit, Sept. 16.—It is believed today that more bodies may be recovered from the new tunnel under the river here, in which a fire last night is known to have cost two lives. More than 200 workmen were in the tunnel when the fire broke out, and several were overcome. Had the accident not occurred just at midnight, while about one-third of the force was at lunch, the list of fatalities would probably have been much greater. The fire, which is still burning, destroyed all of the work on the Canadian side of the tunnel.

Cholera Beyond Control.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—For the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday there have been reported at St. Petersburg 240 cases and 60 deaths from Asiatic cholera. This is almost double the record of Monday. Among the stricken is Lieutenant Abramoff, an officer of the Cossack regiment in the Life Guards. The prison authorities have given orders that all prisoners be temporarily removed to police stations in order to make possible the disinfection of the prisoners.

Merchants to Visit Japan.

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—The delegation of Pacific coast merchants who will visit Japan this fall will sail September 23, on the Tongo Maru, for Yokohama. They will represent Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Eureka, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Diego and other cities. They will stay in Japan until early in November.

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